

Cabinet Member for City Services

4th June 2018

Name of Cabinet Member:

Cabinet Member for City Services – Councillor J Innes

Director Approving Submission of the report:

Deputy Chief Executive (Place)

Ward(s) affected:

Woodlands

Title:

Report - Petition – Improve Road Markings and Dropping Off Facilities Outside Parkhill Primary School

Is this a key decision?

No

Executive Summary:

A petition of 196 signatures (70 paper signatures and 126 e-petition signatures) has been received requesting the road markings outside Parkhill Primary School are improved to create a safe crossing area and to improve the space available for vehicles to safely stop when dropping off and collecting children.

In accordance with the City Council's procedure for dealing with petitions, those relating to road safety are heard by the Cabinet Member for City Services. The Cabinet Member had considered this petition prior to this meeting and in response to the issues raised requested that the petition was dealt with by letter (determination letter), rather than a formal report being submitted to a meeting, to be able to deal with the matter more efficiently.

The determination letter advised of the action proposed and approved in response to the issue raised. On receipt of the determination letter the petitioner has confirmed they do not wish the petition to be solely progressed by letter and want the safety concerns to be considered at a Cabinet Member for City Services meeting.

The cost of renewing existing road markings and making changes to parking restrictions are funded from the Highways Maintenance and Investment Capital Programme budget through the Local Transport Plan.

Recommendations:

Cabinet Member for City Services is recommended to:

1. Note the petitioners concerns.
2. Endorse that the actions confirmed by determination letter to the petition spokesperson (as detailed in paragraph 1.6 of the report) are undertaken.

List of Appendices included:

Appendix A – Location Plan
Appendix B – Determination letter

Background Papers

None

Other useful documents:

None

Has it been or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

No

Has it been or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?

No

Will this report go to Council?

No

Report title: Petition – Improve Road Markings and Dropping off Facilities outside Parkhill Primary School

1. Context (or background)

1.1 A petition of 196 signatures (70 paper signatures and 126 e-petition signatures) has been received requesting the road markings outside Parkhill Primary School are improved to create a safe crossing area and to improve the space available for vehicles to safely stop when dropping off and collecting child.

1.2 The petition advises:

'We the undersigned request Coventry City Council to improve the road markings outside Parkhill Primary School in order to create a safe crossing area and to improve the space available for vehicles to safely stop when dropping off and collecting children. Remedial work is required to create a safer place for children to cross the road. Faded road markings need to be removed and replaced to improve safer areas to drop off and pick up children.'

1.3 Parkhill Primary School is located on Lower Eastern Green Lane. The area outside the school is within a 20mph zone, there is a School Keep Clear Marking located outside the school by the pedestrian exit and a school time no waiting restriction on the opposite side of the road. The road is also part of a bus route. A location plan is shown in Appendix A.

1.4 The existing Traffic Regulation Orders create an area where parking is prevented at school entry and exit times, which assists to improve safety as it provides an area with good visibility where parents and children can cross the road, i.e. when crossing they are not stepping out from between parked cars.

1.5 In accordance with the City Council's procedure for dealing with petitions, those relating to road safety are heard by the Cabinet Member for City Services. The Cabinet Member considered the petition prior to this meeting and in response requested that the issue was dealt with by determination letter rather than a formal report being submitted to a meeting, to be able to deal with the matter more efficiently.

1.6 The determination letter (copy provided in Appendix B to the report) advised of the review undertaken and actions proposed and approved in response to the petition. This included advising in regard to the reason for the existing waiting restrictions and that any arrangements for the refreshing of faded markings will be made. The School Keep Clear outside the school and the single yellow line opposite has been refreshed.

2 Options considered and recommended proposal

2.1 The recommended proposals in regard to the issues raised have already been approved and are detailed in the determination letter (copy provided in Appendix B to the report). Since the determination letter the School Keep Clear Marking and single yellow line opposite have been refreshed.

3. Results of consultation undertaken

3.1 No consultation has been undertaken.

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

4.1 The road markings have already been refreshed.

5. Comments from Director of Finance and Corporate Services

5.1 Financial implications

The cost of renewing existing road markings was funded from the Highways Maintenance and Investment Capital Programme budget through the Local Transport Plan.

5.2 Legal implications

There are no legal implications of the recommended proposal.

6. Other implications

6.1 How will this contribute to achievement of the Council's key objectives / corporate priorities (corporate plan/scorecard) / organisational blueprint / Local Area Agreement (or Coventry Sustainable Community Strategy)?

The refreshing of the road markings, will contribute to the City Council's aims of ensuring that citizens, especially children and young people, are safe and the objective of working for better pavements, streets and roads

6.2 How is risk being managed?

None

6.3 What is the impact on the organisation?

None

6.4 Equalities / EIA

No specific equalities impact assessment has been carried out.

6.5 Implications for (or impact on) the environment

None

6.6 Implications for partner organisations?

None

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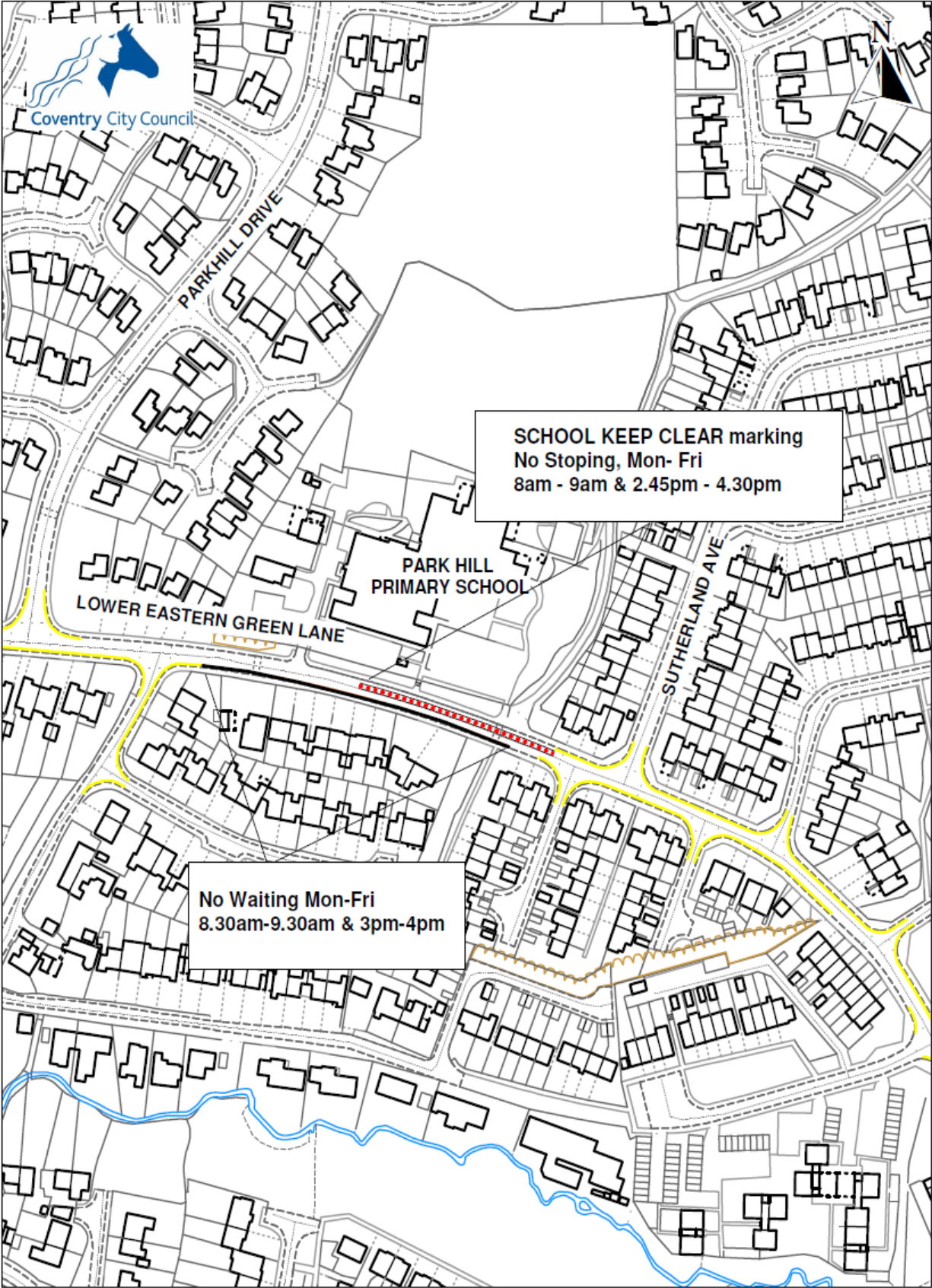
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Appendix A – Location Plan



Appendix B – Copy of Text of Determination Letter

Re: petition submitted on 17 December 2017

Subject matter: Improve Road Markings and Dropping-off Facilities outside Parkhill Primary School

I am writing with regard to the above petition and your request for improved road markings and dropping off facilities outside Parkhill Primary School on Lower Eastern Green Lane. The matter was discussed with Councillor Innes, Cabinet Member for City Services, who has requested that this be dealt with by way of letter rather than a formal report being submitted to a future meeting.

The School Keep Clear markings with associated No Stopping restriction outside the school and school-time waiting restrictions on the opposite side of Lower Eastern Green Lane are in place for road safety reasons to prevent parking and provide greater visibility to assist pedestrians to cross more safely. For this reason, no changes to the extent of the current restrictions are proposed. Arrangements will be made for faded markings to be refreshed.

I would be grateful if you could please confirm in writing, either by email or letter, as soon as possible, that you agree that the petition be progressed by way of this letter. If you do not agree, a report responding to your petition will be prepared for consideration at a future Cabinet Member meeting. You will be invited to attend this meeting where you have the opportunity to speak on behalf of the petitioners.